

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE BEND RADIUS OF AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

4. The method of claim 1, the step of bending the optical fiber cable comprising the steps of:

 providing a cable forming device having at least one mandrel, wherein the mandrel has a radius greater than a minimum bend radius for the optical fiber cable, and

 wrapping the portion of the optical fiber cable about the mandrel.

5. The method of claim 4, the cable forming device including at least two mandrels, wherein the mandrels are attached to different phases of a support, and the cable is bent in an S-shape having two curves, the two curves being on different planes.

6. (Cancelled)